

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

ELECTRIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 7, 1998
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the February 17, 1998, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the state's investor-owned utilities concerning information on customer classifications, the amount of energy used by each class of customer, and the price charged rural and urban customers; review of the tax information presented by the Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives at the February 17, 1998, committee meeting; review of the tax proposals developed by the Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives and the effect the association's proposals would have upon the state's investor-owned utilities and whether any commonality exists for developing a tax proposal; and whether the distinction between transmission lines and distribution lines should be on a voltage basis or some other criteria
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee break
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Harlan Fuglesten, Communications and Government Relations Director, North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, concerning information on the amount of electricity sold by customer class; the amount of electricity sold by Cass County Electric Cooperative, Capital Electric Cooperative, NoDak Rural Electric Cooperative, Verendrye Electric Cooperative, and Northern Plains Electric Cooperative as compared to the state's investor-owned utilities; review of the tax information presented by the state's investor-owned utilities at the February 17, 1998, meeting; information on the transmission line tax and suggestions for modification of the tax based upon the capacity of a transmission line; whether the distinction between transmission lines and distribution lines should be on a voltage basis or some other criteria; and review of the tax proposals developed by the state's investor-owned utilities and the effect the proposals developed or suggested by the state's investor-owned utilities would have upon the rural electric cooperatives and whether any commonality exists for developing a tax proposal
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Marcy Dickerson, Utility Tax Appraiser, Tax Department, concerning taxation of the state's electric transmission lines
- 11:45 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Charles E. Johnson, Commission Counsel, Public Service Commission, concerning steps the commission is taking to deal with the year 2000 problem
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by Mr. LeRoy Neubauer, Director, Valley City Public Works, Valley City, concerning taxes paid by, megawatt hours sold by, and the tax rate per megawatt hour for Hillsboro, Cavalier, Stanton, Maddock, Sharon, and

Riverdale and the amount of electricity sold by customer class for each of the municipal power systems in the state

- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of information on whether the state may enact limited retail wheeling or a pilot project involving the state's investor-owned utilities while protecting the state's rural electric cooperatives and municipal power systems from retail wheeling
- 2:15 p.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning the committee's study
- 2:45 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Al Carlson (Chairman), Robert Huether, Matthew M. Klein
Senators Randel Christmann, Pete Naaden, Larry J. Robinson